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Title of Invention: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING A TUBULAR WORKPIECE,
 ESPECIALLY A SHOCK-ABSORBER PISTON ROD, AND A WORKPIECE OF
 THAT KIND

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**Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designed/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)
 the following items under 35 U.S.C. 371:**

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(I).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the international Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19:
 - a. ☒ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☒ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)):
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ will follow.
10. ☐ A translation of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
11. ☒ Copy of the:
 - a. ☒ International Preliminary Examination Report.
 - b. ☒ International Search Report.
12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
13. ☒ An Assignment document for recording with a separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31:
 - a. ☒ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ will follow.

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14. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
18. ☒ Applicant claims Small Entity status
19. ☒ Other items of information: Priority Claim, fee for non-English Specification (\$130)
20. ☒ Three (3) Sheets of drawings are enclosed.
21. ☐ The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1)) and other fees as follows:

| NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): | | | | | TOTAL |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO | | | | \$0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | International Preliminary Examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) | | | | \$0 |
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| Total Number of Claims Filed | 11 | 20 | 0 | \$25 | \$0 |
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| Number of Multiple Dependent Claims Filed | | | | \$270 | \$0 |
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| Total Fees Enclosed for Large Entity | | | | | \$0 |
| Total Fees Enclosed for Small Entity (1/2 of Large Entity) | | | | | \$670 |

- a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$670 to cover the fee is enclosed.
- b. ☐ Please charge my deposit account \$ 0 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including request for extension and payment of extension fees due, when this is not explicitly requested by applicants, with a view toward avoidance of abandonment, to Deposit account No. 04-2219, referencing our docket number 14116. Any overpayment should be credited to this account.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

I hereby certify that this transmittal letter and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on 23 March 2005, in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office Addressee", mailing label number EV_378838475 US_ addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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PRIORITY CLAIM


Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Sir:

Applicant claims priority of PCT Application Number PCT/EP03/10655 filed on 25 September 2003 with the European Patent Office and German Application Number 102 45 570.8 filed on 26 September 2002 filed with the German Patent and Trademark Office.

Respectfully submitted,



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Verification of Translation

I, Dr. Waldemar Leitner, Zerrennerstraße 23-25, D-75172 Pforzheim, Germany, German and European patent attorney, fully conversant with the German and English languages, hereby certify that I am the translator and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the following is a true translation of the pages amended under chapter II of PCT of the International Patent Application No. PCT/EP03/10655.

Signed this February 24, 2005



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